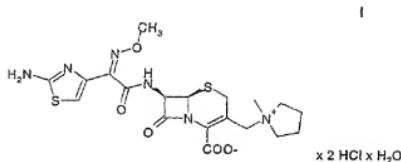


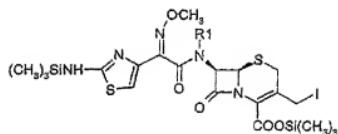
Claims

1. A process for producing the compound of formula I

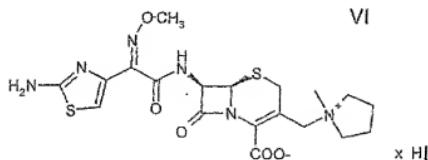


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wherein a compound of formula IV



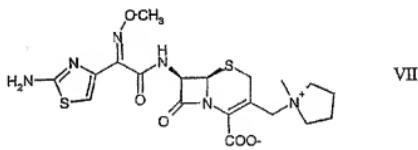
10 is desilylated in a protic solvent, and simultaneously
reacted with N-methylpyrrolidine to form a compound of
formula VI, and this is then converted into the
compound of formula I



2. A process as claimed in claim 1, wherein the protic solvent is a C₁-C₄-alcohol.

3. A process according to claim 1 or 2, wherein 5 conversion of the compound of formula IV is effected using a basic ion exchanger.

4. A process as claimed in claim 1, 2 or 3, wherein 10 conversion of the compound of formula VI into the compound of formula I is effected through the free betaine of formula VII in isolated form.



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